

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Applicants:** Cristobal Guillermo dos Remedios, et al. **Examiner:** Unassigned**Serial No.:** Unassigned**Art Unit:** Unassigned**Filed:** Herewith**Docket:** 13388**For:** BIOMOLECULAR TOXICITY ASSAY**Dated:** February 7, 2001Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:


IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert after the Title and before Line 1,

--This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/180,826, filed
February 7, 2000.--

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Dated: February 7, 2001
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Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 10, line 1, delete “Claims 1 to 9” and insert therefor --Claim 1--;

Claim 12, line 1, delete “or 9”;

Claim 15, line 1, delete “or 14”;

Claim 17, line 1, delete “or 14”;

Claim 18, line 1, delete “or 14”;

Claim 19, line 1, delete “or 14”;

Claim 20, line 1, delete “or 14”;

Claim 23, line 1, delete “Claims 13 to 22” and insert therefor --Claim 13--;

Claim 25, line 1, delete “or 22”;

Please add the following claims:

27. The method according to Claim 9 wherein the actin or actin-binding protein is labeled with a dye.

28. The method according to Claim 14 wherein the inhibitor is a toxicant.

29. The method according to Claim 14 wherein said binding partner is a protein or a nucleic acid molecule.

30. The method according to Claim 14 wherein the binding partner is an enzyme.

31. The method according to Claim 14 wherein the binding partner is a substrate of an enzyme.

32. The method according to Claim 14 wherein at least one binding partner comprises a sulfhydryl group.


33. The method according to Claim 22 wherein the actin or actin-binding protein is labeled with a dye.

REMARKS

The present application is claiming priority from the provisional application identified hereinabove. The application has been amended to recite the priority thereof, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(4).

Wherefore, the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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